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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 11-259335, dated September 24, 1999, together with an English language abstract.

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Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited reference. The relevance of the above-identified reference has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

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